

REMARKS

Applicant respectfully requests reconsideration of the present application in view of the foregoing amendments and in view of the remarks which follow.

Claims 1, 2, 5 and 6 are amended presently following what are suggested by the Examiner in the Office Action. Claims 25-27 and 39 are canceled without prejudice.

With the foregoing amendments, Claims 1, 2 and 5-24 and 28-38 are currently pending in this application.

Election/Restriction Requirement

Restriction to one of the following inventions is required under 35 U.S.C. § 121:

Group I as claimed in Claims 1, 2, 5-24 and 28-38; and

Group II as claimed in Claim 25-27 and 39.

In response to the above requirement, Applicant hereby elects Group I. This election is made without traverse. Claims 25-27 and 39 are canceled without prejudice as having been drawn to the non-elected invention.

Allowable Subject Matter

In the Office Action mailed February 2, 2009, the Examiner states that Claims 1, 2, 5-24 and 28-38 would be allowable if claims 1, 2 and 6 are amended as indicated in that Office Action. Claims 1, 2 and 6 were amended accordingly. Claims 1, 2 and 6 are again amended along with claim 5 following the Examiner's suggestions in the outstanding Office Action of May 20, 2009. Accordingly, Applicant believes that Claims 1, 2, 5-24 and 28-38 are allowable.

Conclusion

Applicant believes that the present application is in condition for allowance.

Favorable consideration of the application as amended is respectfully requested.

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Respectfully submitted,

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